

**Child Welfare Improvement Committee  
Indiana Court Improvement Program**

**Minutes**

**Friday, August 7, 2015**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

1. Members present. Heather Mollo (Chair), Cathy Graham, Lisa Rich, Leslie Dunn.
2. Staff present. Angela Reid-Brown.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved.
4. CIP Updates.
  - a. CIP Annual Meeting. The CIP Annual meeting was held June 9-11, 2015 in Washington, DC. The first day of the meeting was devoted to CIP. Days 2 and 3 were devoted to Human Trafficking. Angela Reid-Brown, Heather Mollo, and Dave Remondini attending the CIP meeting on June 9. Heather Mollo, DCS Director Mary Beth Bonaventura, and Abby Kuzma with the Attorney General's office attend as special human trafficking meeting at the White House on June 10, while Angela Reid-Brown and Laura Hausladen, Interstate Compact for Juveniles Deputy Compact Administrator attending a separate human trafficking meeting. The third day of the meeting was a joint meeting where all of the attendees worked on a human trafficking action plan for Indiana. A copy of the action plan was distributed.

The Court Improvement Program is up for reauthorization in 2017. The annual program assessment reports due each December are meant to be a tool to help guide the work in our state. The reports are not meant to grade what we are doing or hold our "feet to the fire". There are no penalties associated with CIP and the federal program manager uses the reports to see how states can be assisted with their work.

- b. New Hire. Matthew Hagenbush has been hired to oversee the CIP Data Grant. Matthew is an attorney who previously worked as a DCS attorney in Dearborn and Ohio counties. Matthew has also practiced juvenile and family law. Matthew's first day is August 17, 2015.
    - c. CIP Strategic Plan. A copy of the 2014 CIP updated CIP strategic plan was distributed. The updated strategic plan for 2015 is due on August 30, 2015.

d. Recommendations for CIP Executive Committee. The Committee voted by consensus to make the following recommendations to the CIP Executive committee:

- i. To increase the size of the CWIC membership. Membership should include additional judicial officers, a representative from the mental health community, a former foster youth, and a representative from the foster parent/adoption community.
- ii. Partner with the Attorney General's Office/IPATH on statewide Human Trafficking trainings.
- iii. CWIC sponsor a statewide conference in 2017. The conference should focus on Legal Orphans/Permanency or other related topic that is directly associated with the work of CWIC.

5. Legal Orphans Project. Tabled until next meeting.

2015 Meeting Dates:

October 2, 2015	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Indiana Judicial Center
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